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Memorandum

Date: June 16, 1999

To: Mary Nichols, Resources Secretary
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David Cottingham, Department of Interior
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Subject: Chairs' notes for CALFED Policy Group meeting, Thursday, June 17, 1999

Attached is a draft agenda for our Policy Group meeting on Thursday. Below are brief notes for you on each item:

1. 9-9:15 Welcome and Chair's Comments

CALFED and California Tribal Relations: At the meeting on Thursday, Policy Group members will be receiving a memo from Alf Brandt, CALFED Federal Coordinator, outlining next steps to initiate formal relations with California tribes. As you may recall, at an earlier meeting this spring, Felicia Marcus had offered assistance from EPA in developing a training on intergovernmental tribal relations for the Policy Group. The Department of the Interior and EPA will be determining the nature of any such training, and which agency will be taking the lead.

2. 9:15-10:30 a.m. Draft revised EIS/R (Review and action)

This agenda item has three parts:

- Review of the highlights of the Phase II Report
 - Review and concurrence on the release plan and proposed public hearings
 - Discussion of CALFED work plan 1999-2000, including discussion of the issues associated with extension of the Bay-Delta Accord (expires 12/31/1999).
- This issue is not yet ripe for a decision, but warrants full airing by the Policy Group in anticipation of a decision soon.

Action: Concurrence on the release plan.

CALFED Agencies

California The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board
Department of Food and Agriculture

Federal Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Geological Survey
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Forest Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service
Western Area Power Administration

3. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Water Acquisitions Request (Action item)

Three proposals will be under consideration here. There will likely be debate among members of the Group on each of them. These proposals will have been reviewed on June 16 by the Ecosystem Roundtable. CALFED is looking for a Policy Group decision to fund or not fund these requests out of Bay-Delta Security Act funds. Mike Spear (USFWS) and Ron Rempel (DFG) will take the lead on this discussion.

Action: Policy Group approval or non-approval of each of the three proposals.

4. 11:30-12 or 12:30 Restoration Coordination Package (Action item)

Policy Group will be asked to conditionally approve the Package (conditionally because officially the Group cannot approve proposals until BDAC has had a chance to review and make a recommendation. BDAC will be meeting in San Diego on July 8-9.) We have scheduled a half hour on this matter. More time may be necessary if the Ecosystem Roundtable makes a recommendation to significantly alter the set of recommended proposals.

CALFED staff will estimate the number of projects which were not funded in this round but could be considered for future funding or for alternate governmental revenue sources.

CALFED staff will also note that the Tracy Fish Screen project (a CALFED action committed to in the Phase II Report) was not recommended for funding.

Action: The Policy Group can either abide by the Ecosystem Roundtable and Integration Panel recommendations, or the Group may make a determination to add a project based on other considerations.

5. 1-3 p.m. CALFED Governance Update (Discussion; action item) *TIME CERTAIN*

Two parts to this item.

--Summary of the proceedings of the expert panel workshop held on June 16--

Mike Mantell will provide a summary

--Review of schedule for Policy Group consideration of all issues requiring resolution by the Policy Group for both long-term governance and for interim governance.

Action: Policy Group action on the issue of membership and alternates.

6. CALFED Demand Projections (Discussion, time permitting)

CALFED staff will provide a description and explanation of how CALFED has utilized state water demand projections in the Impact Analysis in the EIS/R.